

**FINAL**

**Minutes for:**

**Mid-City Local Human Rights Committee**

**October 21, 2013**

<b>LHRS members:</b>  <b>Latonia Edmonds, Chair</b> <b>Faye Joseph, Vice Chair</b> <b>April Moore, Secretary</b> <b>Betty Morgan</b> <b>Andre' Richards</b> <b>Stewart Prost, Advocate, Office of Human Rights</b>	<b>Staff &amp; Programs:</b> Rhonda Taylor-Dubie's Love Residential Services Natasha Fedyszyn-Carr, The Up Center (Sponsored Placements-Adult, Day Program,) Sponsored Placement-Children Karen Bailey, The Up Center. In-Home Services, Mental Health Support. Myra Gonzalez ; Prosperity Homes, Inc. Kim Green, Community Solutions T.W. Neumann, T. W. Neumann and Associates Amanda Grizzard; Restorer of Broken Walls Melvin Anderson, Family Talk Sharon Butcher, AJ&T Independent Group Homes Betty Gray-Henson; Alternative Family Treatment Services Inc. Kewania Curney-VA institute for People with Disabilities Tommika Hinton-Caring Hands and Supplementary Enrichment Education S.E.E. LLC of Virginia Richard Coleman-Urban Learning Leadership Center Nathaniel Jackson, Faith Foundations
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Meeting Convened at 3:00 p.m. by Ms. Latonia Edmonds, Committee Chairperson

The minutes from the last meeting (7/22/2013) were approved.

**Program Reports:**

AJ & T Independent Group Homes- 7 clients, 0 incidents 2 allegations

Alternative Family Treatment Services-no incidents or allegations to report, 17

Caring Hands and Supplementary Enrichment LLC of Virginia -0 incidents or allegations to report; Census: 20

Community Solutions- 9 MHS & 7 IIH - no incidents or accidents.

Cook Community Support- 13, no incident/allegations

Dubie's Love- 2 neglect allegations census 7

Kemetic Behavioral Health- 0 census, 0 incidents/accidents.

Prosperity Homes, Inc.- 10- no incident/accidents.

Restorer of Broken Walls-no incidents or allegations, census 20

The Faith Foundation- Census: 36; 0 allegations/ incidents.

The Up Center In Home Services-no incidents or allegations to report -29 IIH and 28 MHI

The Up Center Family Life Sponsored Homes- 0 incidents/accidents. 74 family life; 28 day support,.

Talk Family of Virginia-52, no accidents or incidents.

T.W. Neumann & Associates- no incidents or allegations, census 80

Urban Learning and Leadership Center-no incidents & no allegations to report; census 30-35

Virginia Institute for People with Disabilities - no incidents or allegations to report, 4 clients

**Old Business:**

No old business.

**New Business:**

New Affiliations- Caring Hands—Approved.

293 Lou Mac Court, Newport News, VA 23602

4004 Merrifield Blvd., Portsmouth, VA 23703

5802 E. Hastings Arch, Virginia Beach, VA 23462

1917 Eastover Court, Virginia Beach, VA 23464  
728 Hampshire Court, Virginia Beach, VA 23462  
700 Baker Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Kemetic Behavioral Health- Revised Behavioral Management Policy – Approved.

**Report from the Advocate:**

We have a full committee at this time. The committee is in good shape at this time, but be ready as 2 committee members (Latonia Edmonds and Faye Joseph) are planning to step down after their term ends June 2014. Be on the lookout for new committee members to fill in these positions.

New affiliations will be happening from time to time.

Revising Human Rights regulations. These haven't been revised in terms of their procedures since 2007. Survey went out from ODU are completed; the focus groups are in process of making recommendations. AG office will also make suggestions. The final process will be to unifying the process of how abuse allegations are made. The final changes may take several years.

Human Rights Committee is looking at changing the quarterly and annual reports, but this has not happened yet. Please use the current one until further notice of an update is given.

CHRIS—a computer data base that has been used for some Human Rights is now going to expand to include all of aspects of Human Rights areas. As of June 1, 2014, CHRIS is the place where you connect and fill out death and serious injuries incidents. There has been some trouble with the site; use Internet Explorer instead of Chrome or Safari. If you can't get on CHRIS, please indicate why and fax them. Don't hesitate to call Mr. Prost.

Mr. Prost spoke of sending out an email with tips for abuse and neglect complaints regarding how to report these properly.

Regarding the quarterly reports they need to be sent in 2 weeks in advanced, to the advocate and the Human Rights committee. The reports are needed early so that the most up to date information is at this meeting. This process went better this time, but it needs to be consistent. When filling out the quarterly reports, the "LHRC Liaison" is not Mr. Prost, it is the person who comes to the LHRC meeting. Also, on page 3, when there have been no changes, please put "none" or "no changes", not "not applicable". You can write "updated" (with no other information) if the changes made are not Human Rights related.

On 10/25/13 at 9:30 am, there will be a State Human Rights Committee Meeting at Riverpoint Behavioral in Hampton, VA.

With no further business the open meeting went into closed session for Virginia Institute for People with Disabilities for an authorized representative (next friend). Dubies' Love and AJ& T Independent Group Home also had closed sessions.

Quarterly and Annual Reports and the annual signing of "Community Seclusion and Restraint" Form is due January 15, 2014

The 2014 Mid-City LHRC meetings are scheduled for January 27<sup>th</sup>, April 21<sup>st</sup>, July 21<sup>st</sup>, and October 20<sup>th</sup> at The Up Center, 222 W. 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Norfolk.

Next Mid-City Session, January 27, 2014 at 3pm at The Up Center, 222 W. 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Norfolk.